

MISS META GREENE IN "THE FORTUNE HUNTER"



AT THE ILLINOIS.
Nov. 21—"The Fortune Hunter."
Nov. 24—"The Deep Purple."
Nov. 26—"Get Rich Quick Wallingford."
Nov. 28—"Polly of the Circus."

THE EMPIRE.
Daily vaudeville performances at 2:00 and 8:15.

AT THE ILLINOIS.
"The Fortune Hunter," the delightful, sympathetic, four-act comedy, full of human interest, of love, of originality, tells a story of every day people so naturally yet forcefully that it gets a grip on one's heart that cannot be effaced. The play was produced in New York in September, 1910, by Cohan & Harris, who relied absolutely and entirely on their own judgment both in their selection of play and actors. The first production of "The Fortune Hunter" was given in Atlantic City, N. J., March 15, 1909. A tour of five weeks in cities near New York was made and the play was then withdrawn for the summer for its opening at the Gaiety theatre, New York, on the following Labor day. It scored an instant success in New York and continued at the Gaiety theatre for two years. "The Chicago company" was formed and, justifying the judgment of Cohan & Harris, this company played eight months at the Olympic theatre, Chicago, where it broke all records for that city. No play ever began in mid-winter, then passed to and through the following summer, yet Winchell Smith's comedy began Dec. 25, 1909, in Chicago, met all boxoffice capacity throughout its run, was unaffected by the bottom weather and when other theatres were forced to close for the usual summer period, showed impetus rather than loss of patronage, and its run was not closed by desire of Cohan & Harris or the Olympic managers, but because bookings made earlier in the spring could not be broken and other cities demanded that the play be brought there. The books of the theatre showed that nearly 500,000 persons saw "The Fortune Hunter" during the Chicago run. Cohan & Harris are to offer the play at the Illinois tomorrow night.

One of the interesting plans of the two authors of "The Deep Purple" during that play's big run in New York, was to give a performance of the play with real policemen in the policeman parts and real crooks in the crook parts, the proceeds to go to a society interested in procuring the release of

prisoners innocent of the crime for which they were convicted. The police fell in with the scheme very readily, as the New York policemen have a very ambitious dramatic society. The main difficulty lay in securing the crooks. Paul Armstrong, one of the authors, secured the release of one of "under on probation, promising to give him work and to care for his moral welfare. The crook repaid the playwright's trust by smashing the plate glass window of a jewelry shop in an endeavor to rob the place. He was caught and sent back to jail. No further effort was made to secure real crooks for this special performance and the project fell through. "The Deep Purple" with the Liebler & Co. metropolitan cast, is to be presented at the Illinois next Friday night.

"Get Rich Quick Wallingford," George M. Cohan's much heralded comedy, is announced for presentation at the Illinois next Sunday. No play produced in recent months has received the stamp of universal public approval with the convincing certainty that is evidenced in the applause and appreciation of amusement workers as they view the unfolding of the story that is woven around J. Rufus Wallingford's promotion of shady financial deals. The methods he pursues and the avidity of the public, yet hard to convince, speculators who, while they would like to get something like 75 per cent returns on their investments, yet hesitate to take a chance, is the story of many men of today who seek to acquire wealth by a surreptitious route. In the excellent company which Messrs. Cohan & Harris have assembled for the presentation of "Get Rich Quick Wallingford" are such well known players as Joseph Manning, Edward Delaney, Harry O. Taylor, John Morris, Willie Selzer, Calvin Tibbett, William P. Connery, Charles Dineen, Martin Malloy, Rose Lubow, Maudie Trux, Alvin Bartlett and Eliza Mason.

5,000 ACTORS OUT OF WORK.

New York, Nov. 20.—Eighty-five high grade actors, all out of jobs, sat down to a "hard luck" dinner last night at the Lambs club and told over their coffee and cigars how they traversed the road from the footlights to the dining tables. Not a man drawing salary was permitted at the board. Plans for the dinner, which had been guarded with secrecy, disclosed the fact that never in the history of the club have so many of its members been out of employment. The 55 are only a small percent of those who have failed to find

work this season or who have lost their jobs because of hard times. Over one-third of the actors and actresses in the United States are without employment. "The affair was started through a jest made by one of the unemployed," said a member of the club last night, "and the idea grew until the dinner was the outcome. Conditions and their causes were discussed. In all truth the situation is serious and the future is not pleasant to contemplate." An investigation discloses that the theatrical business in America is at the lowest ebb since 1903, and that it is likely to grow worse. Managers whose standing is unquestioned and who are the acknowledged leaders of the world of drama give figures which bear out these contentions. Naturally they do not care to be quoted. From these managers and other equally reliable sources it was learned that over 5,000 out of the 15,000 players in this country are now out of jobs. More than this there is no relief in sight. Of the 5,000 about 450 are men and women who receive large salaries. Those who attended the "hard luck" dinner are all well paid men. Their salaries run from \$75 to \$450 a week. The moment New York successes are sent on the road they play to exceedingly small receipts. Half a dozen big successes could be named which are playing to an average of \$400 a night. In normal times they take in \$1,200. Either people outside New York haven't the money to spend for amusements or they won't spend it. No business is being done in the one night stands, hence the shows are being thrown into the larger centers. None of the shows makes money. In the middle west one of the best known American stars played a week to \$750. After the house got its share he didn't have enough left to pay salaries and advertising.

MRS. YEAMANS HAS PARTY.

Hartford, Conn., Nov. 20.—Surrounded by her friends and co-workers of a generation ago, Mrs. Annie Yeamans, "the grand old lady of the American stage," celebrated her 76th birthday here yesterday. The feature of the day was a "stage party" given by Mrs. Yeamans for her play-er friends. Here felicitations were exchanged and Mrs. Yeamans spoke briefly saying she was still young and was never going to grow old.

Municipal Matters

City Council Chamber, Rock Island, Ill., Nov. 13, 1911.—The city council met in regular session at 3 o'clock p. m., Mayor Schriver presiding, with Commissioners Rudgren, Hart, Reynolds and Bear present.

The clerk read the minutes of the regular meeting held Nov. 6, and the special meeting held Nov. 7, 1911, which were approved.

Commissioner Reynolds read a report relative to work in the street department for the month of October and on his motion, which was adopted by unanimous vote, the report was received and placed on file.

Commissioner Hart read a report relative to the cost of feeding city prisoners.

Commissioner Hart made a verbal report relative to his trip to Springfield in the interest of an ordinance governing weights and measures.

Commissioner Reynolds offered a resolution that the official bond of Martin T. Rudgren as city clerk and collector, furnished by the Fidelity & Deposit company of Maryland, be accepted by the city of Rock Island. Adopted by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Rudgren submitted an ordinance which was immediately considered and adopted by unanimous vote allowing labor payroll for the week ending Nov. 11, 1911, as follows:

George Schaub	\$16.50
P. Heverling	10.50
H. Utke	10.50
F. Gest	10.50
P. Bowers	10.50
B. Ranson	12.50
P. Loge	12.50
F. Manuel	12.50
F. Stanley	14.70
J. Stroehle	6.30
F. Schoel	4.29
W. E. Korman	12.50
J. Burton	12.50
H. Kutz	4.29
John Nelson	12.50
Charles Grims	13.15
Emil Frank	14.70
F. O'Connell	12.50
J. O'Connell	7.50
W. H. Barry	10.50
Al Sudden	25.29
Martin Laughlin	9.45
Sam Meador	1.10

Recapitulation.	
Sewer account	\$37.80
Street account	113.40
Water works expense	\$1.15
Reservoir expense	25.75

Total.....\$258.10

Commissioner Rudgren offered the following resolution which was on his motion, adopted by unanimous vote:

Rock Island, Ill., Nov. 13, 1911.
Whereas an exigency exists by reason of the lack of funds in the city treasury of the city of Rock Island, Ill., for the payment of overdue, current and anticipated bills and salaries and for the conduct of the business of said city of Rock Island, including the maintenance of the fire, police, water, health and all other departments of said city:

And whereas, the State Bank of Rock Island, the Rock Island National Bank, the Central Trust & Savings Bank, the Peoples National Bank and the Rock Island Savings Bank, all banking corporations of the city of Rock Island, Ill., have expressed a willingness and now agree to advance to the said City of Rock Island, for

the purpose of the payment of said overdue, current and anticipated bills and salaries and the conduct of the business of said city, a sum not in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) on its orders on the city treasurer duly authorized and executed in the following proportions, to-wit:

State Bank of Rock Island, Ill., not to exceed	\$4,900.00
Rock Island National Bank, not to exceed	4,900.00
Central Trust & Savings Bank, not to exceed	4,900.00
Peoples National Bank, not to exceed	9,900.00
Rock Island Savings Bank, not to exceed	4,900.00

Therefore, Be it resolved by the council of the city of Rock Island, Ill., in open meeting, that the above named banks are hereby requested to cash the orders on said city treasurer issued in compliance with the above understanding and in consideration thereof and of said sum to be advanced by said banks, we, the council of the city of Rock Island, Ill., and the officers of said city, do hereby agree to and with said banks and each of them that they shall receive payment for the orders so held respectively out of the funds accruing and to accrue to the said city of Rock Island, from the tax levy now

AN EASY AND HARMLESS WAY TO DARKEN THE HAIR.

Who does not know of the value of sage and sulphur for keeping the hair dark, soft, glossy and in good condition? As a matter of fact, sulphur is a natural element of hair, and a deficiency of it in the hair is held by many scalp specialists to be connected with loss of color and vitality of the hair. Unquestionably, there is no better remedy for hair and scalp troubles, especially premature grayness, than sage and sulphur. It is properly prepared. The Wreth Chemical Company, 74 Cortlandt St., New York City, put up an ideal preparation of this kind, called Wreth's Sage and Sulphur. It is sold by all leading druggists for 50c and \$1.00 a bottle, or is sent direct by the manufacturers upon receipt of

made and to be collected during the spring of the year A. D. 1912, and we do further hereby agree and each of us with said banks and each of them that they shall be paid interest on the orders held by them from the time said orders were cashed until redeemed and paid as above provided at the rate of six (6) per cent per annum;

And as an evidence of said agreement, we, the said city council of the city of Rock Island and the officers of said city, hereby agree to and with said banks that the above agreement is to be kept in every particular and have caused this agreement to be executed in quintuplicate and agree that each bank is to be furnished with a fully executed copy thereof.

(Signed) M. T. RUDGREN, HARRY M. SCHRIVER, City Clerk.

OSCAR O. LITT, City Treasurer.
M. T. RUDGREN, ARCHIE HART, ROBT. R. REYNOLDS, JONAS BEAR, Commissioners.

Commissioner Bear offered a resolution that the following persons be allowed the amounts set opposite their names, to-wit: Mrs. Cohn, \$10; A. J. Rless, \$5; William Ullmeyer, \$5; Mollie Dockerman, \$5. Adopted by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Reynolds offered a resolution that he be authorized to dispose of the old worn out hose now at the city barn and the receipts from such be turned into the sewer account. Adopted by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Bear submitted a report recommending that the bid of P. F. Trenkenschuh for laying a 6-inch water main on Eighth street, between Fourth and Fifth avenues, be accepted and a contract drawn up accordingly. Adopted by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Bear submitted a report recommending that the bid of Reddig & Co. for laying a 6-inch water main on Second street in Simes'

addition be accepted and a contract drawn up accordingly. Adopted by unanimous vote.

Adjourned on motion of Commissioner Reynolds.

M. T. RUDGREN, City Clerk.

Advertised Letters

Following is a list of letters remaining uncalled for in the postoffice at Rock Island for the week ending Nov. 18, 1911: Mrs. Scott C. Ashmore, Mrs. George Aten, Mrs. C. B. Allars, Miss Hazel Anderson, Charles Beaufort, D. E. Butler, J. W. Breckenridge, Mrs. Irene Berry, Mrs. E. M. Nell Cary, Mrs. J. H. Conley, Karl Clausen, Peter De Vries, Anna Davis, Miss Gertrude Dreese, Mrs. Helen Etzel, William Edwards, Zoltique Ethier, Robert Erickson, Mrs. Blanche Fisher, C. R. Franklin, Alvin E. Griggs, William Hallberg, K. Haynes, Sam Hill, Miss Grace Jackson, Mrs. F. Jamison, J. Katschner, A. M. Kingcald, Ray Kendall, L. Lyon, Charles W. Lane, Amos Mills, Moore meat market, Harvey Marriott, W. S. Manbeck, P. H. Mathison, Martin Olson, Mrs. Ethel Phelps, Mrs. Lane Perkins, Mrs. Lizzie Smith, Mr. Stroble, Mrs. D. Swanson, J. Schrier, Star Advertising bureau, Anny Taylor, Harvey Trotter, H. C. Wilson, Mrs. C. P. Woolf, W. A. White, B. J. Yeager.

Foreign—Hector Bultynch, Alois Grysperdt, Mrs. Dula Hunt, John McGurnaghan, Frank Szuta.

H. A. J. McDONALD, Postmaster.

Faulty Count Lost Election.
Springfield, Nov. 20.—To right an unintentional wrong done Norman Waltrip of Whitehall, it is probable he will be elected unanimously as grand junior ward of the grand encampment of Illinois Odd Fellows at the session here this week. Although Waltrip led the field on the first four ballots last year, the victory finally went to A. J. Mourer of Eureka. Some months afterward an inspection of the tally sheets is said to have revealed

that Waltrip and not Mourer had been elected.

AMUSEMENTS.

THE ILLINOIS

Tuesday, November 21.

COHAN and HARRIS Present

THE FORTUNE HUNTER

The show your local manager recommends.

PRICES
Boxes—Upper, \$1.50, lower \$2.00.
Parquet, \$1 and \$1.50. Balcony 50c, 75c, \$1 and \$1.50. Gallery 50c.
Seat sale Sunday 10 a. m.
Phone West 224.

THE EMPIRE

Fourth Ave. and Nineteenth St.

Patrons' wish. Beginning Monday, Nov. 20, change of bill Monday and Thursday. Your chance to see two great shows in one week.

Don't miss this big week.

Telephone 708 West.

10¢



In Three Sizes

Here's the Real Smokefest

Quality sticks out of this cigar like the spokes round the hub of a wheel. You can't mention a fine cigar characteristic without finding its perfection in the

Flor De Valentine

It's as smooth as velvet, as fragrant as a nosegay, as mellow as the full round moon in August. This excellence is the result of carefully blending the choicest Vuelta Havana leaves. Hand-made. Sumatra wrapped. Try one.

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